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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Section (a) of 35 U.S.C. § 135, effective on May 25, 2000,
provides for continued examination of an entry or patent application
final or on other basis § 136.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	10/020,607
Filing Date	12/16/01
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Group Art Unit	2817
Examiner Name	David C. Mis
Attorney Docket Number	010073U2

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 25, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 25, 2000, applicants may wish to consider filing a continued examination application (CEA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.180 (PTO/SB/30) instead of a RCE so as to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes in Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Patent Rules, 61 Fed. Reg. 30963 (comp. 44, 3506); Patent Rules, 61 Fed. Reg. 34661 (comp. 36, 3096), 1371 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which amended RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on
- iii. ☐ Other
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other

2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(e) for a period of months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(f) required)
- b. ☐ Other

3. Fees: The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 which the RCE is filed.

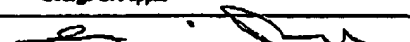
- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 17-0026
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(c)
- ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.117)
- iii. ☒ Other (Claim Amendment Fees)
- b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ enclosed
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

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CLAIMS AS FILED - PART I

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INDEPENDENT CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(b))	minus 3 =	
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